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In re application of

Knut IRGUM et al.

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A CHROMATOGRAPHY METHOD AND A COLUMN  
MATERIAL USEFUL IN SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.